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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Satoshi SHINADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/484,458

Filed: January 18, 2000



Group Art Unit: 2853

Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND INK CARTRIDGE THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims to read as claims 96-107.

3' --96. An ink cartridge for supplying ink to a printhead of an ink jet printing apparatus through an ink supply needle, comprising:

a housing defining therein an ink chamber for accommodating ink, said housing comprising a bottom wall, a first wall an edge of which meeting said bottom wall and a second wall an edge of which meeting said bottom wall and positioned opposite said first wall;

an ink supply port in which the ink supply needle of the ink jet printing apparatus inserts, said ink supply port being formed on said bottom wall at a position closer to said first wall of said housing than said second wall thereof; and

overhang member for engaging with a part of the ink jet printing apparatus, said overhang member